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Sunday 05 April 2026

The Lord is Risen…

"…the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him." Matthew 28:8-9

It's going to be OK. Salvation History is in motion and God has moved into the endgame where we can finally see and experience the hope of the fulness of His kingdom. Good Friday really happened; it is sacramental in that the sacrifice has real meaning and is not just symbolic or for show. The people of God ontologically saw the goodness of God over and against the depravity of fallen humanity when they lynched God's own Son for a crime, he did not commit to save their own fragile egos.

And while we have the hope of God's full kingdom reigning in all His glory, we wait. We live in the Holy Saturday. Following God's commands to bear witness to this incredible act of grace and love from a present and approachable deity. And we worship. We continue to respond in thanksgiving for the chance God has given us to one day share in the resurrection of the dead as Jesus did.

Happy Easter, thanks to God for his patience and grace, the Lord is risen indeed.
Jas

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: **Jas**
Preacher: **Jas**

YouTube Link: https://youtube.com/live/D2e56eTTQUY?feature=share

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:
John 20:19-23
John 20:24-27
John 20:28-29

The Worship Hymns and Songs:
Resurrection Hymn
Man of Sorrow
In Christ Alone
Oh the Mercy of God

CELEBRATIONS:
Birthdays: *Anne Moffat, Allan Russell*
Wedding Anniversaries: none this week
May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 06 April:	**Colossians 3:5-11**
Tue 07 April:	**Colossians 3:12-17**
Wed 08 April:	**Matthew 28:1-10**
Thu 09 April:	**Colossians 4:2-5**
Fri 10 April:	**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**
Sat 11 April:	**John 20:11-20**
Sun 12 April:	**John 20:19-31**

NOTICES:

Every Wednesday: Connect, 10am, JKR

Sunday 5th April: Easter Sunday service, 10am

Hard Knox Coffee: From the 19th of April we are looking to have Espresso Coffee for sale before our Sunday Service from 9.30am and available again after our service until 11.30am.
For those who enjoy a nice Espresso on Sundays, you can purchase it from John Knox and contribute some of the funds towards our Youth at the same time! Keep an eye out for details on specials.

Hard Knox Cafe: Seeking a Co-coordinator for 2026 to help manage and run HKC, a safe and fun ministry for Year 8–13 youth. If you can help coordinate events and assist one evening a fortnight, please come chat with me — I'd love to hear from you

Jigsaws: with daylight saving ending and winter near, it's time for jigsaws and books. Howard and I will be selling them on Sunday's 12th and 19th April ($5 jigsaws, $2 books), with proceeds going to the JK Youth Fund. Donations of jigsaws (by 5th or 12th April) and small book donations (up to one grocery bag per family) are welcome. Unsold items will go to this year's Rotary Book Sale. — Lynette Fowler

Hello from Hamish:
Hello again, it's been a while since you've seen me or heard from me. We are well overdue. The start of my year has been very busy with Uni rowing and coaching my high school boys. This semester, I have four classes, which are Jesus in the New Testament. (BIBS226) This class is a study of the different portraits of Jesus in selected New Testament documents, including discussion of various titles used for Jesus, Christological themes and the development of views about Jesus as this can be seen in the New Testament. My second class is Spirit Church and Sacraments (CHTH212), which focuses on the central historical and contemporary debates concerning the person and role of the Holy Spirit; the nature and function of the church; baptism and the Lord's Supper. My last theology paper for this semester is Current Perspectives on Pastoral Care. (PAST216) This focuses on Pastoral

care as the caring, nurturing and compassionate work of the church as a whole, increasingly viewed as outward-facing, lay-centred, and attentive to communal, societal and cross-cultural dynamics. My fourth paper is for my criminology minor, which is Crime, Justice and Society (CRIM201), and this focuses on the insights from criminology, social policy and sociology of crime into the study of key issues in crime, deviance and justice institutions.
All papers I am enjoying, and a few friends are in these classes. This year I am living in a flat across the road from Knox Church (not Castle Street, fortunately or unfortunately, I don't know). The flat is very warm, and I am enjoying it. This weekend I have Uni Champs for rowing, which is up north and should be fun. I am racing a mixed quad varsity quad and a varsity eight. All of these boats should do well, or will be fun to row. Last weekend, the high school boys I coach raced at the Maadi Cup, where they came 5th in their U15 octuple, 7th in their U15 eight and 8th in the B final of their U15 quad. Overall, some good results for first-year rowers and first-year coaches. Knox church has also offered for me to sit in on their Deacons' court and church council to help understand what goes on in the background of the church, which will be helpful when I go on into ministry studies, already having a background in being a part of how a council runs. I do have one prayer request. Going forward with my assignments, I have a lot coming up, and they are all very big assignments, so I would love some prayer for support and knowledge to help write these assignments.
Hamish.

Prayer for our family and friends:
Ken Hawke and family, Max Atkins & Averill Gibson, Janice and Ross Wilson, Donna Abernethy, Clare Calder, *Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.*

Church Giving February:

	Current Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Forecast
February 2026	7,954	7,280	69,103	64,792	96,460	100,771

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR APRIL 2026

05 April

Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	**Door Duty**: Margaret Hamilton and Moira Courtney
Power Point: Allan Russell	**Mini Bus:** Gaye & Lincoln
Morning Tea: Kate King and Fran Taylor	**Offering Count:** Tracy and Leigh
Readings: Regan King	**Heroes Leader:** School holidays
Prayers: Ewan	**Fun with Music:** School holidays

12 April

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	**Door Duty**: Marlene Hopkinson and Margaret Vallance
Power Point: Richard McMurdo	**Mini Bus:** Gaye / Lincoln
Morning Tea: Marlene Hopkinson and Lyn O'Malley	**Offering Count:** Tracy/Leigh
Readings: Gaye Edwards	**Heroes Leader:** School holidays
Prayers: Annette P	**Fun with Music:** School holidays

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